

REMARKS

The feature of metal in new claim 12 is supported in the specification at ¶ [0021]. That the component is a guiding track of the scanning module is supported at ¶ [0020]. The plastic body is supported in ¶ [0006].

In the Official Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 1-9 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Tellam et al. (US 5,523,876). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1. Tellam discloses “drive shafts” 1922, 1926, 1928 with which the belt 1910 is engaged, and Tellam's Figs. 19A and 12B show that the roller 1926 is moved by the spring 1924.

Tellam lacks features recited in claim 1, namely, the two rigid frames and the rigid component. Tellam's two passive drive shaft rollers 1926 and 1928 are suspended by springs at one end and what appear to be filaments at the other end; there is disclosure of at most *one* rigid body coupled to a roller (motor 1920) and no disclosure of *three* rigid parts coupled to rollers.

Tellam's roller 1926 is tensioned by the springs 1924, so the roller 1926 can not be a fixed element. Furthermore, the springs 1924 clearly tension the band 1910. The band lacks any strain-controlling apparatus, as the Applicants claim. This still further distinguishes over the reference.

Tellam's Figs. 20A and 20B show an embodiment that completely lacks any driving belt, as claimed.

Claim 10. By the same arguments as above, claim 10 also distinguishes over the reference.

Claim 12. Claim 12 likewise recites features not disclosed by Tellam, including a rigid unit and specific materials. Tellam shows (by the cross hatching in the applied figures) that the housing 10 is made of metal, contrary to the claim.

For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

Submitted herewith is an executed Revocation of Power of Attorney and Appointment of New Attorneys along with Statement under 37 CFR 3.73 (b). Therefore, please note the new correspondence address shown on the attached page.

Respectfully submitted,

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